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## IMPRUDENT INTIMACY.

**T**HE two Mr. Pennings, of Coventry, were esteemed and beloved by every body who knew their valuable and amiable qualities: they were almost revered on account of their fraternal behaviour to each other, by which they sufficiently proved the sincerity of their mutual affection.

The christian names of these brothers were Francis and John; the former, the elder of them, was an attorney; the latter, a merchant.

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## THE YOUNG MORALIST

Their integrity was equal; but which derived considerably advantages in commercial transactions from his, Francis luckily found out that the ideas which he retained concerning moral rectitude rather tend to keep him down in the world, than enable him to make his way. He was the more sensible of the insufficiency of integrity alone to procure the fortune, as a man who lived not far from London, of the same profession, but with more reasonable notions, got three times more than he did. He was not, however, discouraged by the success which Mr. Fox met with in his footsteps, though he was somewhat embarrassed by a growing family.

Mr. John Perrin had also a growing family; but as he was in a flourishing trade, he felt not those domestic uneasinesses which disturbed his worthy brother, as he reflected upon the situation of his family.

John, seeing his brother unconcerned one day, begged to be acquainted with the cause of his disquiet.

He returned an evasive answer, saying very affectionately pressed, himself. "Thus situated, my dear brother, continued he, have I not reason to be disquieted?"

"You shall not remain so, replied John, take this purse; when it is empty, I will

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